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Perdue's Career and College: Ready, Set, Go! Funded by Race to the Top Grant

Raleigh – Governor Bev Perdue today announced North Carolina will receive approximately \$400 million in federal Race to the Top grant money. The award will fund continued implementation of Perdue's Career and College: Ready, Set, Go! program, including:

- recruiting and retaining quality teachers and administrators,
- a comprehensive turnaround plan for low performing schools, and
- 21st century technology for assessing students' needs.

"North Carolina's children today are one step closer to being guaranteed the best public education possible – something every child deserves. This grant will give us the resources to more aggressively implement our plan to ensure that all of our children graduate ready for a career, college or technical training," said Gov. Perdue.

"It won't matter where they live; it won't matter what their school looks like; it won't matter what their parents do for a living. What will matter is that North Carolina leaders have joined together to support the best and most innovative approaches to public education this state has seen in a decade. I thank Sec. Duncan for recognizing North Carolina's ability to lead in education reform, and I thank everyone who worked so hard to make this possible," said Perdue.

Gov. Perdue led the application process and the team that traveled to Washington, D.C., earlier this month to interview with federal decision makers. Joining her were State Board of Education Chair Dr. Bill Harrison, State School Superintendent June Atkinson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators Dr. Bill McNeal, and Executive Director of the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation Glenn Kleimann.